

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Natwar M. Gandhi
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Surname Choice Amendment Act of 2002"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-715

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. The proposed legislation will have no affect on General Fund revenue.

Background

The proposed legislation would repeal current law that prescribes a specific surname and would provide that the surname of the child is the surname of the mother at the time of birth, the surname of the father at the time of birth, or both recorded in any order or in hyphenated or unhyphenated form. The bill would also replace reference to the Department of the Health with the Department of Human Services.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required because the cost of any required changes can be absorbed with existing resources.